

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed August 17, 2009, the Office noted that claims 15-18 were pending and rejected claims 15-18. Claim 15 has been amended, no claims have been canceled, and, thus, in view of the foregoing, claims 15-18 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Office's rejections and objections are traversed below.

CLAIM OBJECTION

Claim 15 stands objected to for informalities. In particular, the Office asserts that the claim could be clearer. The Applicants have amended the claim to conform to the comments of the Office. The Applicants submit that no new matter is believed to have been added by the amendment of the claim.

Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 15-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Lee, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0125738 in view of Narumi, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0185121 in view of Lee, U.S. Patent Application No. 2005/0013223. The Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the rejection with an argument.

The present Application was filed June 7, 2006, and

claims benefit of priority to JP 2003-345903 filed October 3, 2003. The Applicants submit herewith a verified English translation of JP 2003-345903 to perfect priority.

Newly cited Lee, U.S. Patent Application No. 2005/0013223 has a filing date of January 25, 2004. Thus, the present Application has a perfected priority date prior to the filing date of Lee.

Therefore, the Office has failed to make a prima facie case of obviousness as Lee, U.S. Patent Application No. 2005/0013223 is not prior art as to the instant Application.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

SUMMARY

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 103. It is also submitted that claims 15-18 continue to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item:

- a verified English translation of foreign priority document